GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:87
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EDUCATION UNDER SSA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has met with considerable success quantitatively but not qualitatively according to the study conducted by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the success rate on this count in the upper primary level is not satisfactory in several districts of the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide quality education under SSA?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) O F LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.87 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2006 ASKED B Y SHRI PRABODH PANDA & SHRI ANANDRAO V ADSUL REGARDING EDUCATION UNDER SSA

(a) to (e): 'Shiksha Sangam', published by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad i n August 2006, i s a n academic document aimed at promoting inter state sharing of good practices and does not contain an evaluative assessment of the success rate of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, qualitatively or quantitatively. Good practices from 13 States under the headings of quality improvement initiatives, educating girls, alternative schooling, educating children with disability, distance education, and school management have been presented in the document. The entire document is available at www.sristi.org/rjmc/shiksha/index.htm.

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, several activities have been undertaken to improve the quality of elementary education. This includes recruitment of 6.66 lakh teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio, in-service training to teachers annually for a period of 20 days, free distribution of textbooks for primary and upper primary classes to about 5.78 crore Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe children and girl students, regular academic support to primary and upper primary schools through 6746 Block Resource Centers and 70388 Cluster Resource Centers and regular evaluation of students.